

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

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METHODS FOR PRODUCING AMINO ACIDS IN CORYNEFORM BACTERIA USING AN  
ENHANCED SIGC GENE

**Please replace the Abstract with the following amended Abstract:**

The invention relates to an isolated polynucleotide having a polynucleotide sequence which codes for the sigC gene, and a host-vector system having a coryneform host bacterium, such as *Corynebacterium glutamicum*, in which the sigC gene is present in attenuated form and a vector which carries at least the a sigC gene according to SEQ ID No 1, and the use of polynucleotides which comprise the sequences according to the invention as hybridization probes.